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VA Directorate honors civilian of the year

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Air Vehicles Directorate (VA) named Mark Haney of the Advanced Structural Concepts Branch its civilian of the year for 2003. He was notified of the honor in April.

Haney was chosen from a group of qualified candidates for his leadership and job performance, self-improvement efforts, and community involvement. As program manager of a joint effort between VA, Northrop Grumman, and the B-2 System Program Office, Haney oversaw analysis of the B-2 aft deck to determine the root cause of its cracking.

During this time, Haney still managed to complete coursework for a doctorate and begin work on his dissertation entitled "Optimal In-situ Thermal/Structural Stiffener Design to Inhibit Thermal Buckling", which is based on his work with the B-2. @



Mark Haney